SHORT TRACK STORIES

West Coast Racing Historical Document Archive

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Archive contents	352 searchable PDF documents
Verification numbers	V0001 through V0399, with intentional gaps where duplicates were removed
Supporting files	README.txt and STS_Combined_Master_Search_Index.xlsx
Primary subject	West Coast short-track racing history and the racing career of Rick Crow
Organization	Permanent V-number plus descriptive search-optimized filename

About the collection

This archive preserves historical material related to West Coast stock-car and short-track racing, including newspaper articles, race programs, race results, advertisements, driver profiles, championship coverage, track records, historical features, and related racing documents.

Tracks and venues represented include Saugus Speedway, Irwindale Speedway, Orange Show Speedway, Mesa Marin Raceway, Kern County Raceway, Willow Springs Raceway, and other racing locations. The collection also includes NASCAR-related material involving drivers, car owners, crew members, promoters, photographers, officials, and racing organizations.

How to search and use the archive

1. Open STS_Combined_Master_Search_Index.xlsx for the fastest overview.

2. Search by verification number, date, publication, track, person, racing division, subject, or OCR status.

3. Use each document's V-number to locate the matching PDF.

4. Search inside individual PDFs when searchable text is available. Most files contain substantial OCR text.

5. Gaps in the V-number sequence are intentional and reflect documents removed during duplicate verification.

File naming and identification

Each document carries a permanent verification number and a descriptive filename. Where known, filenames include the date, source, track, driver or other person, racing division, and subject. These names improve human browsing and public search discovery.

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Archive assembled and organized by the Short Track Stories Historical Archive.

Collection Reference

Collection title	Short Track Stories - West Coast Racing Historical Document Archive
Number of PDFs	352
Numbering range	V0001-V0399, with 47 intentional gaps
Master index	STS_Combined_Master_Search_Index.xlsx
Readme	README.txt
OCR status	343 documents with substantial searchable OCR; 9 with limited OCR
Core topics	Short-track racing; stock-car racing; California racing history; NASCAR; motorsports history

Primary tracks	Saugus; Irwindale; Orange Show; Mesa Marin; Kern County; Willow Springs; others

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